

REP. OLVER ANNOUNCES \$200,000 FOR PIONEER VALLEY BROWNFIELD PILOT PROGRAM

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Washington, DC -- U.S. Representative John Olver (D-First District) announced today a \$200,000 grant to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) for a Brownfield Pilot Program to revitalize a downtown area in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The grant was awarded as part of the EPA's nationwide Brownfield Pilot Program to revitalize and reuse abandoned or underutilized sites.

Rep. Olver said, "This grant offers the dual benefit of economic revitalization for our urban centers and environmental protection."

The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission, serving 43 cities and towns in Hampshire and Hamden counties, is currently assessing the site for potential redevelopment.

"I applaud the efforts of the PVPC in site assessment and identification," Olver said. "With this grant, we can move forward with the revitalization of this area."

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